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Computer Would Trip Oswald Now

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WASHINGTON, March 21 (AP)—The Secret Service now possesses a high-speed, computerized information system that would have pinpointed Lee Harvey Oswald as a threat to President John F. Kennedy, says Rep. Tom Steed.

The Oklahoma Democrat said yesterday that if such an information system had existed in 1963, the Secret Service and other law enforcement agencies would have known of Oswald's presence in Dallas.

They also would have known that Oswald worked in a building overlooking the route of Kennedy's motorcade, said Steed, chairman of a House appropriations subcommittee that handles the Secret Service budget.

The Warren Commission named Oswald as Kennedy's assassin. Oswald had once lived in the Soviet Union, married a Soviet citizen and tried to renounce his U.S. citizenship.

"Today, when the President decides on a visit to some city, the Secret Service within minutes can have information as to any person on its list of suspicious persons, which is built up with contributions from the FBI and local law enforcement agencies," said Steed.

"I think it is obvious that Oswald would have been on such a list if the present information system had been in existence then," he said.

The Secret Service refused to comment on Steed's statment.